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1. IN AN IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE (FULLY COVERED BY THE LOCAL MEDIA) I PRESENTED MY CREDENTIALS THIS MORNING TO ACTING GOVERNOR-GENERAL GERALD CASH. HIS FORMAL REMARKS, PRIVATE CONVERSATION AND TOAST WERE ALL CHARACTERIZED BY SINCERE AND OBVIOUS FRIENDSHIP FOR OUR COUNTRY AND BEST WISHES ON MY MISSION IN THE BAHAMAS. WE FOUND THAT WE SHARE MUTUAL FRIENDS IN THE UNITED STATES AND I LOOK FORWARD TO CULTIVATING THIS INTELLIGENT AND OBVIOUSLY ABLE GENTLEMAN OVER THE MONTHS TO COME.

2. QTE REMARKS BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR-GENERAL ON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS BY HIS EXCELLENCY MR. WILLIAM B. SCHWARTZ JR., AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

"IT IS WITH MUCH PRIDE AND PLEASURE THAT I ACCEPT YOUR LETTERS OF CREDENCE WHICH ACCREDIT YOU AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY - PRIDE IN THE FACT THAT OUR NATIONS LARGE AND SMALL ARE RE-AFFIRMING THEIR STRONG
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BOND OF FRIENDSHIP, AND PLEASURE THAT I AM SHARING IN THIS RE-AFFIRMATION TODAY.

"I TOO WAS GRATIFIED TO LEARN, EXCELLENCY, THAT OUR RESPECTIVE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT HAVE HAD THE RECENT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND CONFER ON BILATERAL ISSUES. THE DISCUSSIONS STARTED IN WASHINGTON WILL NO DOUBT BE CONTINUED HERE AND WITH YOUR EXCELLENCY'S HELP RESOLVED, I AM SURE,

TO THE MUTUAL SATISFACTION OF YOUR GOVERNMENT AND MINE.

"I HAVE TAKEN DUE NOTE THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY AND FAMILY HAVE VISITED THE BAHAMAS IN THE PAST. YOU HAVE THEREFORE ALREADY BEEN EXPOSED TO THE WARMTH AND FRIENDLINESS OF OUR PEOPLE. IT IS MY SINCERE WISH THAT NOW THAT YOU HAVE COME TO RESIDE AMONG US YOU WILL FIND THAT WARMTH AND FRIENDLINESS MAGNIFIED A THOUSANDFOLD.

"THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS HAS ALWAYS ENJOYED A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DUE TO SUCH FACTORS AS THE CLOSE PROXIMITY OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES, OUR COMMON HERITAGE AS FORMER COLONIES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND OUR MUTUAL BELIEF IN THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS. YOU MAY BE ASSURED, YOUR EXCELLENCY, THAT THIS COMMONWEALTH WILL CONTINUE IN ITS ENDEAVOURS TO CEMENT THIS FRIENDSHIP.

"FROM A CULTURAL POINT OF VIEW THE STRONG FAMILY TIES, SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS "THE BAHAMIAN-AMERICAN CONNECTION," WHICH STARTED CENTURIES AGO IS TODAY STILL A HAPPY ASSOCIATION OF PEOPLES AND IDEAS. THIS INTERACTION TAKES PLACE IN THE HIGH CHAMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR AT THE MORE WORKADAY LEVEL OF CULTURAL EXCHANGES AS EVIDENCED BY THE COCONUT GROVE FESTIVAL HELD EARLIER THIS YEAR IN COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA, AND THE KEY WEST-NEW PLYMOUTH ROOTS PROMOTION YET TO TAKE PLACE NEXT MONTH IN KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AND IN NEW PLYMOUTH, ABACO.

"I CONGRATULATE YOU TODAY ON YOUR APPOINTMENT, EXCELLENCY. FOR MY OWN PART I LOOK FORWARD WITH VERY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GREAT PLEASURE TO STRENGTHENING THE TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP AND COMMERCIAL TIES WHICH EXIST BETWEEN OUR PEOPLE AND TO ASSISTING YOU WHEREVER POSSIBLE IN THE EXECUTION OF YOUR MISSION HERE.

"KINDLY CONVEY TO THE PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA MY PERSONAL GOOD WISHES AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS FOR CONTINUED PEACE AND PROSPERITY. UNQTE. SCHWARTZ

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